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22 March 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Bissell,  
Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Sheldon (part of meeting), Mr. Kent, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted that the work load at [REDACTED]  
must surely be increasing with all the activity now taking place with  
regard to [REDACTED] Directed that these stations and Saigon as necessary  
be rendered all possible support - to include assignment of additional  
TDY personnel.

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Col. White stated that in connection with support of  
increased activities in Laos, as of the moment no additional funds have  
been allotted and, while we are moving ahead, this factor could  
develop into quite a mess. He said for example CAT is already about  
\$500,000 in the hole. Mr. Bissell commented he was well aware of  
this. Noted that discussions with ICA had not borne much fruit since  
there appeared to be some disagreement between ICA headquarters and  
the field. After some discussion Mr. Bissell undertook to immediately  
get in touch with [REDACTED] and see what can be worked out.

b. Noted that while Phil Strong of OSI had been designated  
as our representative to Defense in connection with certain R & D  
matters, the bulk of this particular activity is by and large the  
responsibility of TSD.

Mr. Bissell noted that he was aware of this and in  
fact [REDACTED] is in touch with the appropriate people in Defense  
and he saw no problem.

c. Noted an outgoing cable covering the recent "elections"  
by the Cuban exiles and commented the information contained therein  
would be of interest to several other selected stations and in particular  
[REDACTED] Action: Mr. Barnes

MR. AMORY:

25X1 a. Reported that General Walsh has already submitted a nominee to replace [ ] as head of GMAIC upon his departure in July or August and recommended acceptance be held in abeyance until such time as the reorganization of the Defense Intelligence Agencies is completed. The Director concurred.

b. Noted that there seems to be quite a spate of Bloc propaganda tying in the President's proposed Youth Corps as an arm of CIA and suggested that counter-action be taken. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that while there have been such allegations by the Communists, he had also seen in the press some articles pointing up the fact that there is no connection between the Youth Corps and any intelligence organizations. He also suggested that it would certainly do no harm in any conversations with members of the press to point out the iron-bound policy of CIA to keep hands off of Youth Corps activities -- and in this way continue to spread the word.

25X1 c. Noted that he had [ ]'s file on his desk with regard to his next assignment. He commented that [ ] is 25X1 one of our few fluent [ ] linguists and said in his opinion he felt we should make use of this qualification in addition to the extremely good 25X1 job he has done in the [ ]. He suggested that consideration be given to assigning [ ] -- a post which 25X1 he much desires. Mr. Bissell agreed with Mr. Amory and undertook to see what could be worked out. He did comment however that [ ] 25X1 has already been selected for Chief of Station and in all probability 25X1 [ ] would have to be assigned to a lesser position.

COLONEL WHITE:

a.. Noted that Operation Alert 1961 would be conducted during the period 26 - 30 April and it would be necessary for only 5 people from the Agency to participate at [ ]. He stated 25X1 however the Civil Defense people had asked whether the Director might be available to attend one meeting during the above-mentioned period.

b. Reported that as of December 1960, [ ] Agency 25X1 employees had been selected for jury duty and only 5 had been excused.

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